

- (iv) were they assigned to neighbouring land-holders;
- (v) what were the terms on which they were offered to neighbouring land-holders;
- (vi) have the Government any objection to have these lands sold by public auction; was any assigned by public auction?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(i) Nil. (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v). These questions do not arise.

(vi) After the lands are made available for disposal, the plots not required by the *pattadars* of adjoining lands as margins for their cultivated lands or by the Government will be sold in public auction and assigned according to the provisions of the *Land Revenue Manual*.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Sub-division (i). How many acres of land have been excluded? The answer is “nil.” Are there lands excluded from the forest area which may be available for disposal?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—My answer is this. There are proposals for exclusion. Some demarcation has been ordered, and after that there will be a legal exclusion. We are waiting for that. Then only the process of getting at that final stage is in progress.

The Pulla—Enamavu ferry contractor.

167. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (1) whether the Pulla-Enamavu ferry contractor is in the habit of keeping boats and boatmen for the service;
- (2) the charge for crossing the ferry;
- (3) whether they are aware of the hardships caused to the public by long detention there and by demand of exorbitant charges;
- (4) if the answer to (3) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to redress the grievances of the public by ordering more efficient supervision by a rigid enforcement of the stipulations of the contract?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) to (4). Under the terms of the contract the contractor has to keep boats and boatmen for the service. It has not come to the notice of the Government that any hardship is caused to the public by long detention at the landing places or by any demand of charges higher than what is fixed, viz., two annas. However, an enquiry will be made.